

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

The Honorable Russell Forbes
Acting Administrator
General Services Administration
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Dear Mr. Forbes:

Reference is made to your letter of 22 May 1953 attaching thereto for review and comment proposed subsections 210.01 through 210.05 Chapter II, Personal Property Management, Regulations of the General Services Administration.

Pursuant to the basic and necessarily selective procurement authorities granted under permanent Agency legislation, Public Law 110, 81st Congress, the procurement activities of the Central Intelligence Agency do not appear to generate, nor does it appear that they will generate, the type of problem in procurement and related activities, the solution of which is the apparent objective of Public Law 152, 81st Congress. In general, Central Intelligence Agency procurement is not consistent with normal procurement patterns and arises from procurement requirements of particular and local applicability. Central Intelligence Agency procurement falls outside the mass or large quantity category. It was in recognition of the foregoing that the provisions of Public Law 152 were not made applicable to the Central Intelligence Agency.

Since the proposed regulation is an administrative implementation of Public Law 152, and is therefore directed at achieving overall improvement in economy and efficiency in the indicated areas of interest, it would appear appropriate to suggest that the second sentence of paragraph one entitled "General" be amended to read as follows:

"The subsections listed above were developed cooperatively by the General Services Administration, other civilian agencies and the Department of Defense, and is issued pursuant to the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (Public Law 152, 81st Congress), as amended (Public Law 754, 81st Congress, Public Law 245, 82nd Congress), and in consonance with the Armed Services Procurement Act of 1947 (Public Law 413, 80th Congress), and the provisions of other laws recognizing or authorizing the performance of agency functions."

To the extent that our household activities fall within the area of your interest, we shall be pleased to cooperate in any program which is advantageous to, or increases the efficiency of, the Government.

Sincerely,

WALTER REID WOLF
Deputy Director